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Title: SIGNATURE VALIDATION	§		
AND GENERATION	§		
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action rejection dated December 22, 2008 of claims 1, 3-12, 14-19, 22-30. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-19, 22-30 are pending in the application.

The fee of \$540.00 for filing this Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(1) is being paid concurrently via EFS-Web. If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5646-00900/JCH.

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